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Dear John:

I appreciated receiving your comments pertaining to the draft NCS Near-Term Plan and the copy of your related comments to Dean Rusk which you forwarded with your letters of 12 December 1963. The NCS Near-Term Plan is being revised in coordination with your representative on the staff of the Manager, NCS, to reflect your comments.

The development of the NCS should overcome to some extent the difficulties which have been experienced in presenting adequate justification to support requests for funds for urgently needed communications links. The development of NCS plans should facilitate the identification of urgently needed circuits and related facilities and lend added weight to the justification submitted in seeking needed budgetary support. At the same time, as the NCS identifies and links together essential communications facilities, a more effective utilization of existing assets can be expected. Solution to the type of difficulties which you cited in your letters thus will be approached in two ways.

Your constructive comments and assistance in the development of the NCS are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Honorable John A. McCone
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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Mr. Kirkpatrick
General Carter

It is important that we start action promptly to reduce our communications program. There is attached a memorandum to the Director outlining certain actions which we think should be taken promptly and letters to the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Bureau of the Budget, as well as a proposed cable of instruction to the field.

I recommend that all of these papers be signed promptly. If we are not on the right track, request we be furnished guidance immediately since I do not feel that we can keep State and Defense at arm's length very much longer.

[redacted] and I are available for further discussions at any time.

Signed

L. K. White

10 DEC 1963

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Reduction of Agency Communications Services

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